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SUBJECT: CCD: TRILATERAL STATEMENT ON CTB NEGOTIATIONS

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1. SUMMARY: AT CCD PLENARY ON AUGUST 8, UK REP MADE STATEMENT ON CTB NEGOTIATIONS ON BEHALF OF US, USSR AND UK. COMPLETE TEXT APPEARS BELOW. MEXICAN REP REPEATED HIS EARLIER CALL FOR SUBMISSION OF PARTIAL CTB INITIATIVE TO CCD. END SUMMARY.

2. AT 798TH PLENARY OF CCD ON AUGUST 8, UK REP (ASHE) PRESENTED FOLLOWING STATEMENT ON BEHALF OF US, USSR, AND UK CONCERNING STATUS OF CTB NEGOTIATIONS:
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BEGIN TEXT:

MR. CHAIRMAN,

ON MARCH 16, 1978, A STATEMENT WAS MADE TO THE CCD, ON BEHALF OF THE USSR, UK AND US, ABOUT PROGRESS IN THE

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TRIPARTITE NEGOTIATIONS ON A TREATY PROHIBITING NUCLEAR WEAPON TESTS AND ITS PROTOCOL COVERING NUCLEAR EXPLOSIONS FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES. IT WAS STATED THAT SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS HAD BEEN MADE IN THE NEGOTIATIONS; THAT THE THREE PARTIES AGREED THAT AN INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE OF SEISMIC DATA WOULD PLAY A MAJOR ROLE IN VERIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE TREATY; AND THAT THE USSR, UK AND US WOULD CONTINUE THEIR BEST EFFORTS TO COMPLETE THE TRIPARTITE NEGOTIATIONS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

SINCE 16 MARCH, THE NEGOTIATIONS HAVE CONTINUED INTENSIVELY. THEY HAVE BEEN GOING ON WITHOUT A BREAK SINCE 4 MAY - MAKING THE PRESENT ROUND THE LONGEST CONTINUOUS ROUND OF THE TALKS TO DATE. THE THREE DELEGATIONS HAVE CONTINUED TO WORK WITHOUT INTERRUPTION IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN THE PACE AND MOMENTUM OF THEIR NEGOTIATIONS.

IT CAN BE REPORTED WITH SATISFACTION THAT SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE IN RECENT MONTHS IN SEVERAL AREAS OF THE NEGOTIATIONS. THE DELEGATIONS HAVE PROCEEDED BEYOND AN EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON THEIR BASIC APPROACHES AND PRINCIPLES AND ARE NOW ADDRESSING ELEMENTS OF AGREEMENT THAT HAVE EMERGED AS WELL AS SPECIFIC POINTS THAT REMAIN TO BE RESOLVED. MEMBERS OF THIS COMMITTEE WILL UNDERSTAND THAT TO ATTEMPT TO DESCRIBE IN DETAIL WHAT THESE REMAINING POINTS ARE COULD COMPLICATE TRIPARTITE EFFORTS
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TO RESOLVE THEM. BUT THERE ARE SOME ISSUES ON WHICH FURTHER COMMENT CAN BE OFFERED.

THE THREE NEGOTIATING PARTIES ARE AGREED THAT THE TREATY SHOULD ESTABLISH A BAN ON ANY NUCLEAR WEAPON TEST EXPLOSION IN ANY ENVIRONMENT AND THAT THE PROVISIONS OF A PROTOCOL, WHICH WOULD BE AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE TREATY, WOULD APPLY TO NUCLEAR EXPLOSIONS FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES.

AS MEMBERS OF THE CCD KNOW, REACHING AGREEMENT ON EFFECTIVE MEASURES OF VERIFICATION, MEASURES THAT WILL PROMOTE MUTUAL CONFIDENCE AMONG THE PARTIES THAT TREATY OBLIGATIONS ARE BEING FULFILLED - IS A COMPLEX PROCESS. IT IS A PROCESS THAT INVOLVES MANY HIGHLY TECHNICAL ISSUES. THE THREE NEGOTIATING DELEGATIONS INCLUDE MANY TECHNICAL SPECIALISTS WHO ARE MEETING ON AN ALMOST DAILY BASIS TO CLARIFY AND RESOLVE THESE ISSUES. THE THREE NEGOTIATING PARTIES, WHO WILL BE MOST DIRECTLY AFFECTED BY THE TREATY, NATURALLY WISH TO SATISFY THEMSELVES THAT IT WILL PROVIDE FOR ADEQUATE VERIFICATION AND ALSO THAT THE PROVISIONS FOR VERIFICATION WOULD NOT GO BEYOND WHAT IS REQUIRED BY THE TREATY.

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THE THREE NEGOTIATING PARTIES BELIEVE THAT IN VIEW OF THE IMPORTANCE OF THE TREATY, IT WOULD BE REASONABLE, FOLLOWING THE PRECEDENT OF OTHER ARMS LIMITATION AGREEMENTS, THAT AFTER A CERTAIN PERIOD THE PARTIES TO THE TREATY WOULD WISH TO REVIEW ITS OPERATION.

IN THE FINAL DOCUMENT OF THE SPECIAL SESSION OF THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY DEVOTED TO DISARMAMENT, THE "PROGRAMME OF ACTION" CALLED FOR THE TRIPARTITE NEGOTIATIONS TO BE CONCLUDED URGENTLY. THE USSR, UK AND US ARE MAKING EVERY EFFORT TO ACHIEVE AN AGREEMENT WHICH WILL ATTRACT THE WIDEST POSSIBLE INTERNATIONAL ADHERENCE.

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DESIRE FOR THE NEGOTIATIONS TO BE BROUGHT TO A SWIFT AND SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION. THEY ARE AWARE THAT THE MEMBERS OF THE CCD HAVE A STRONG INTEREST IN THE EARLIEST COMPLETION OF THE NEGOTIATIONS. IT CAN BE SAID THAT THE PRESENT PHASE OF THE NEGOTIATIONS IS PRODUCING RESULTS, AND THAT THE THREE PARTIES ARE PRESSING AHEAD AS FAST AS THEY CAN. THEY, NO LESS THAN ALL MEMBERS OF THE CCD, HOPE FOR THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE CONCLUSION OF THE NEGOTIATIONS WITH A

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POSITIVE RESULT THAT WILL BE WELCOMED BY ALL OF THE
MEMBERS OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY WHO ARE CONCERNED
WITH ACHIEVING A CESSATION OF NUCLEAR WEAPON TEST
EXPLOSIONS. END TEXT.

3. MEXICAN REP (GARCIA-ROBLES), IN RELATIVELY BRIEF
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COMMENTARY ON CTB STATEMENT, CITED BOTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY
AND SSOD RESOLUTIONS CALLING FOR CONCLUSION OF A CTB ON
AN URGENT BASIS. STRESSING RESPONSIBILITY OF MEMBERS
OF THE CCD TO CONSIDER CAREFULLY A CTB INITIATIVE,
MEXICAN REP REPEATED HIS EARLIER CALL (REFTEL) FOR SUB-
MISSION TO CCD OF THOSE PORTIONS OF A CTB INITIATIVE
WHICH ARE ALREADY AGREED.

4. FURTHER CTB DISCUSSIONS SCHEDULED TO TAKE PLACE ON
AUGUST 10 DURING INFORMAL CCD SESSION.

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